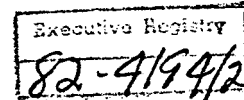


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The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Howard:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 1981, regarding a floor program for 1982.

All of our authorizations are annual and must not expire before September 1, 1982, and so there is no urgency in this regard.

~~The principle legislation priority I see at this time is the Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1981, of which both you and I are cosponsors.~~ This bill was reported out of the Committee by a vote of 13 to 1 in 1980. It picked up another 47 cosponsors in 1981. It passed the House by a vote of 354 to 56 last year and has had the strong support of both the Carter and Reagan Administrations.

Howard, I understand that S.391 was brought to the Floor of the Senate the last day of the first session of the 97th Congress, but was the subject of a filibuster by Senator Bradley who previously expressed no interest in it at all. It seems to me we have a responsibility to the men and women of the intelligence community who serve this nation on difficult and dangerous missions abroad to protect them from the pernicious activity of "naming names." As well, we have a responsibility to the people of this country to debate this issue and vote on it.

I expect that the Intelligence Committee will consider a number of issues this year to include the Executive Order on Classifications, the role of the Freedom of Information Act on intelligence operations, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, technology transfer, and the quality of analysis to mention a few. However, none of these issues require planning for floor action at this time.

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Therefore, my one biggest request is for a speedy and responsible consideration of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act before someone else is killed or injured by traitors like Philip Agee and Louis Wolf.

Sincerely,

Barry Goldwater
Chairman